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- d. The rate of compensation is expected to be \$50.00 per day for each consultant.
- e. Approval of use of these men on matters through SECRET has been obtained from I-SO.

5. CONCLUSION

It is concluded that Dr. Alvarez and Dr. Pago are particularly well suited to serve on the O/SI-Advisory Panel on "Unidentified Flying Objects".

6. ACTION RECOMMENDED

That permission be granted to approach Dr. Luis W. Alvarez and Dr. Thornton W. Fage with regard to service as ad hoc consultants on the subject of "unidentified flying objects" and to initiate the necessary personnel action.

APPROTAL RECOMMEDATE

Signature:

Deputy Derector (Intelligence)

Date

ACTION BY APPROVING AUTHORITY:

Approved (disappressed). subject to security clearance.

Signature: Director statement

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